China's support on resolution on terrorism

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has sought China's support on its resolution on terrorism which was placed with the UN, recently, and

(b) if so, what is China's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes Sir. During his visit to China from May 28 to June 3, 2000, Our President met his Chinese counterpart, Mr. Jiang Zemin on May 29, 2000 and sought China's support for the proposal made by India at the UN for adoption of a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.

(b) The Chinese President indicated that China was opposed to all forms of terrorism be they directed against government, groups or individuals. He agreed that there was need for strengthening cooperation among countries to combat international terrorism.

General Musharraf statement on India

537. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about General Musharraf's statement in the Hindustan Times dated 24th June, 2000 that Kashmir alone was not the issue of threat but the threat is India's desire to dominate the Pakistani economy and foreign policy;

(b) if so, whether Government are also aware about Pakistani statement that Pakistan needed a new naval base to counter India's hegemonistic designs; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?